

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1632 - SB 1670

March 29, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Tennessee Office for Refugees to meet at least quarterly with representatives of local governments to plan and coordinate the appropriate placement of refugees in advance of the refugees' arrival. Requires the Office to accept an application from a local government for a moratorium of up to one year on new refugee resettlement activities in a host community which lacks sufficient absorptive capacity.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- This bill will establish the Refugee Absorptive Capacity Act, codifying in state law the requirements under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1522, 45 CFR 400.5(h).
- The Tennessee Office for Refugees is currently administered by the Catholic Charities of Tennessee.
- According to the Department of Economic and Community Development, there will be no impact on the operations of the Department.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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